

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2009

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE TERMS THE MAYOR OF LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT MAY SERVE [AS AMENDED].

Sponsored By: Councilman Brent T. Ackerson, District 26

WHEREAS, KRS § 67C.105(2), as created and enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly, prescribes the term limits the Mayor of Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (“Metro Government”) may serve as Mayor of Metro Government; and

WHEREAS, KRS § 67C.105(2) states: “The mayor shall be nominated and elected in partisan elections for a term of four (4) years in the same election years as other local government officials as regulated by the regular election laws of the Commonwealth. The mayor shall assume office on the first Monday in January following his or her election. He or she shall serve until a successor qualifies and may serve for no more than three (3) consecutive terms after which time he or she shall be prohibited from running for election or being appointed as mayor for a period of at least four (4) years”; and

WHEREAS, there has been concern expressed by residents of Metro Government that no one person should serve as their chief elected officer for too long a period of time; and

WHEREAS, other chief elected offices in this Commonwealth, such as the Governor, and the United States of America, such as the President, are limited to two terms and/or eight years in such offices; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council wishes to promote and ensure the infusion of new ideas, new vision, and new leadership into Metro Government's chief elected office; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Louisville Metro will be electing a new Mayor in the calendar year 2010, and desire that the concept of shortening the term limits of said Mayor be implemented prior to the election of any particular individual so this resolution will not be viewed as a reflection upon any one individual, but more upon the concept of promoting new ideas, new vision, and new leadership in Metro Government's chief elected office; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council does not desire that this Resolution be viewed as supportive of any other Legislative Bills or amendments to KRS § 67C, and desires that such be solely limited to the express intent herein stated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF METRO GOVERNMENT ("LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL") AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Louisville Metro Council requests the Kentucky General Assembly to amend KRS § 67C.105(2) to change the allowable consecutive terms from three (3) terms to two (2) terms.

Section 2. The Louisville Metro Council asks the Kentucky General Assembly to amend KRS § 67C.105(2) to read as follows:

The mayor shall be nominated and elected in partisan elections for a term of four (4) years in the same election years as ~~other local~~

~~government officials~~ the Governor as regulated by the regular election laws of the Commonwealth. The mayor shall assume office on the first Monday in January following his or her election. He or she shall serve until a successor qualifies and may serve for no more than **two (2)** consecutive terms after which time he or she shall be prohibited from running for election or being appointed as mayor for a period of at least four (4) years.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

David W. Tandy
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

MICHAEL J. O'CONNELL
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BY: _____

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